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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Rural Independent Competitive Alliance, Petition for Declaratory Ruling;  
Blackfoot Communications, Inc., Request for Review of Decision of  
Universal Service Administrator. WC Docket No. 06-122

Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122

A National Broadband Plan For Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 19, 2013, Gregory W. Whiteaker, representing Blackfoot Communications, Inc. ("Blackfoot"); and I, representing the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance ("RICA"), met with Rebekah Goodheart, Legal Advisor to Acting Chairwoman Clyburn, and Travis Litman, Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the above proceedings. Mr. Whiteaker participated by telephone.

We summarized the respective petitions of RICA and Blackfoot and noted that the Commission's Form 499 has been revised effective this year to eliminate the requirement that CLECs impute an amount of interstate revenue to their local exchange revenues for the purposes of determining their contribution obligations. The outstanding issue is thus refund of the contributions amounts paid under protest by the CLECs. We asked that the Commission move expeditiously to resolve these matters.

Prompt action by the Commission will be important to consumers as well as the companies in that as time goes by it will be increasingly difficult to identify the amounts due

individual consumers and to locate those consumers who have left the area or changed service providers.

Sincerely yours

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cc: Rebekah Goodheart  
Travis Litman